



Lake Park Villager

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GOVERNMENT CALENDAR

Village government meetings and elections are held at the Community Center and are open to the public.

- Jun 10** 7:00 PM Budget Hearing & Council Meeting
- Jun 17** 7:00 PM Planning Board Meeting
- Jun 19** 6:30 PM Economic Development Commission
- Jun 30** 6:30 PM Parks & Recreation Commission

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LAKE PARK PUBLIC PARKS OPEN AT DAWN, CLOSE AT DUSK

LAKE PARK TENNIS COURTS LIMIT USE TO 1 HOUR – ALL USERS
PAUL WOLFSKALE RECREATION COMPLEX

ALL POOLS POOL ADMISSION FEES OR PASSES REQUIRED
POOLS OPEN MAY 24 THRU LABOR DAY 10-8 MON-SAT, NOON-8 SUN

LAKE PARK HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING
JUN 3 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
ALL HOMEOWNERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

LAKE PARK SINGLES AGES 45+
JUN 5 – 7:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

MOVIE IN THE PARK: "DESPICABLE ME 2" SPONSORED BY HOA
JUN 6 – STARTS AT DUSK (RAIN DATE JUN 7) TOWN CENTER PARK

SAGES LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
JUN 2 – 1:00 PM CARD GAMES 882-6906
JUN 13 – 11:30 AM LLAMA FARM TRIP (BRING \$3+LUNCH) 882-2005
JUN 16 – 11:15 AM LUNCH & CARD GAMES 882-6906

FIRST & FOURTH FUN FRIDAYS CREATION CAFÉ
JUN 6 – 10:00 AM BREAKFAST, JUN 27 – 12:00 NOON LUNCH

BULK ITEMS MONTHLY PICKUP DAY ONE PICKUP DAY PER MONTH
JUN 12 – 7:00 AM DO NOT PUT OUT BULK ITEMS ANY OTHER DAY!

VILLAGER NEWSLETTER IN HOME MAILBOX TUBES BY JUN 24
JUN 13 DEADLINE E-MAIL OR PHONE ITEMS TO SANDY COUGHLIN

GARDEN CLUB MEETING POTLUCK PICNIC
JUN 16 – 6:00 PM LAKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE NO SUMMER MEETINGS IN JUNE NOR JULY

Safety Reminders

- 🔔 Carry your cell when jogging or walking alone.
- 🔔 Curfew Ordinance: 11:00 pm (Midnight: Fri & Sat)
- 🔔 Close garage doors, lock all vehicles.
- 🔔 Meet your neighbors; check in on one another.

July 4 Holiday Celebration

American flags flying in front yards, kiddie parade, old-fashioned picnic in the park with games and music, four races and hometown heroes: it's the 4th of July! Volunteers are welcome in all aspects of Lake Park's traditional celebration. Attached flyer has event details.

Council Appointments

15-year resident Pam Jack was appointed to the one vacant Council seat at the May 20 public meeting. A former Union County teacher, Pam became director of media and technology, presided over Garden Club and served two terms on the HOA landscape committee.

David Cleveland thanked Council nominees Wayne Daniels, Janey Doerner and Guy Eboh for their avid interest and conveyed Council's sentiment that each one continue in active volunteer roles in Lake Park.

Ashley Dance was appointed to a 2-year term on the Parks & Recreation Commission. Mayor Cleveland expressed Council's thanks to outgoing Commissioner Cathy MacArthur at the expiration of her term.

Community Watch

Resident Blair Cooper is inviting residents interested in forming a new community watch program to contact him. Watch group activities may include adopting preventive measures and learning low-risk ways to accurately report suspicious activity. Village Council and the County Sheriff's Office rely upon public awareness, and historically support this type of citizen-initiated program. Council will again sponsor Lake Park's National Night Out Tuesday August 5.

Typical cared-for communities experience few or minor incidents but are not immune. Community watch groups create awareness, practice sound prevention and adopt new techniques. Interested residents are encouraged to contact blaircoops@yahoo.com. Mr Cooper is on the Lake Park Homeowner Association Board and moved to Lake Park in 2013.

Sheriff Cathey Council Visit

Union County Sheriff Eddie Cathey addressed the public meeting May 20 to reassure citizens of the exceptionally low rate of any serious crime in Lake Park and the general safety of our neighborhoods. The sheriff acknowledged the lively concern arising naturally from

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Fabian Szarko - Council
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Cheri Clark - Clerk/Tax Collector/Village Administrator/
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Cheryl Bennett, Finance Officer **Ken Swain, Village Attorney**
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Deputy Leslie Brett & Deputy Richard Haywood
Call 911 to report emergency or any suspicious behavior.
For non-emergency: (704) 289-1591
officer@lakeparknc.gov

various rumors, and yet-to-be resolved circumstances of resident Mark Hudspeth's death on April 21.

Sheriff Cathey, Deputy Leslie Brett, and Captain Cody Luke responded to questions, sharing facts that could be made public without jeopardizing the continuing investigation of all leads and evidence in the case. They voiced confidence in the ongoing safety of residents' routine activities, encouraged interest in starting a neighborhood watch, and pledged support and guidance to assist citizens wishing to organize this.

Since the mid 1990's Lake Park has contracted a designated Union County deputy and added a second deputy to double the coverage since 2006. Patrol times vary day to day, taking into consideration all types of local events and area school schedules, as well as patterns of complaints and the deputies' own recorded observations specific to our neighborhoods and visitors. Lake Park is also within a zone served by other backup deputies for swift response to resident calls.

Mayor Cleveland and the visiting officials expressed their sympathy and concern for the Hudspeth family and hope that the investigation will soon expose sufficient evidence to settle remaining questions. Sheriff Cathey has added more frequent backup deputy patrols, in addition to assigned Deputies Haywood and Brett and their zone backup. Sheriff Cathey indicated that a full investigation goes beyond cause of death and will advise the community when a conclusion is reached.

EDC: Economic Development

- ♦ Council approved the EDC recommendation to install planters for the sidewalks at the Town Center on Creft Circle and Meeting Street. Initial enhancements will be completed in June.

- ♦ Yoga classes and a variety of de-tox services have been added at **Total Tranquility Salon**. Owner Sharon Williams announced the full service salon team includes Taylor Morrison, Nikki Collins, Andrea Moore, Andrea Owens and Amanda Teigue. Jill Urwick leads nutrition classes, Megan Yurko teaches yoga.

P&RC: Parks & Recreation

- ♦ **Russell Park Pond Fountains:** Two lighted fountains are Council-approved for installation in the restored pond. Lucas Landscaping completed the restoration, will add the fountains and has mulched the playground.

- ♦ **Town Hall Sign:** A new permanent sign will be placed near the curb in front of the Community Center to help residents and visitors understand the dual purpose of the Center. Lake Park's municipal administration office shares the building with a chamber for public meetings and an activity room for both public and private gatherings.

- ♦ **Pressure Washing:** Russell Park playground equipment and sidewalks around the Community Center, Clocktower, and Town Center Gazebo will be pressure washed by Byrum Pressure Cleaning. Exterior pressure wash, caulk and paint are also approved for the Center.

- ♦ **Pond Conditions** Monthly treatments started in April to control algae and invasive overgrowth and are continuing.

Planning Board Opening

Any residents interested in future plans for the village may apply for a 3-year term on the Lake Park Planning Board and Board of Adjustments. Contact Cheri Clark or Mark Phillips by June 5. If you have any background in board planning, construction or land use, it is helpful but not required. The combined boards meet on third Tuesdays. Term begins July 1.

Spring Litter Sweep

Many thanks to nearly 70 hands (35 volunteers) who joined the May 2 two-hour sweep to beautify ponds, parks and common areas! What a difference! Thank you!

Piranha Swim Team Meets

Lake Park's swim teams will be hosting league competition on June 5, 9, 12 and 23 at 6pm. Lake Park pools close at 2pm on these days but the public is invited to stop by and support the teams from outside the fence.

Pond Fishing

Anyone fishing in the Lake Park ponds needs to obtain a permit from the Village Office and carry the permit with them while engaging in this sport. Adults over 18 also need a NC permit.

Memorial Day Flag Raising

The first annual Memorial Day program was held at Veteran's Pond on May 26. More news about this historical village event will appear in our next issue.